Synopsis page:

Statement of Purpose:
This exhibit will illustrate an aspect of Americana beginning with each letter of the alphabet.

AMERICANA
CACHETS FOR EVERY LETTER

Accumulating material for this exhibit began in 2002.

To the Judges: While at first this concept may sound like an easy-enough undertaking, this task definitely had its roadblocks.

To start, discovering topics relating to Americana starting with each letter of the alphabet presented some challenge. For example, letters like A, B, C, and D were relatively easy. Whereas letters like J, K, Q, and Z were somewhat more difficult; and let's not forget the impossible, the letter "X". Finding "cachets for every letter" left me with the challenge of having to research 26 topics to obtain the necessary historical facts.

Next, the challenge of finding a first day cover(s) with appropriate cachets to correspond with the selected topic for each letter. As expected, finding **good**, exhibit-able FDCs for some of the comparatively earlier issues required a good bit of "shopping".

Perhaps the most interesting page is page "H", for "Heroism". These three FDCs trace American heroism from the days of the American Revolution, to a policeman helping a small girl, then concluding with an FDC showing the three firemen in New York City at the 911 incident in 2001.

Finally, this exhibit is fortunate enough to have FDCs adorned with the artistry of some of the greater cachet makers such as Bevil, Fluegel, and Geerlings as well as the work of some of the less-frequently seen cachet artist such as the B. Kraft cover on page 15.

Other noteworthy FDCs include:

Title page	US joint issue with cancellations from both countries,
H	Bicentennial military FDC,
L	America's Sesquicentennial FDC with the special label,
O	Official Seal, the oldest FDC in this exhibit,
V	Three FDCs illustrating three different types of American victories.